

USDA STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOP ON COEXISTENCE

March 12–13, 2015

North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC

AGENDA

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) would like to acknowledge the close cooperation and support of North Carolina State University's (NCSU) Genetic Engineering and Society (GES) Center in organizing this Stakeholder Workshop on Coexistence.

DAY 1—Thursday, March 12

Duke Energy Hall, James B. Hunt Jr. Library

Session 1: Coexistence Current State of Affairs

8:30 a.m.–8:40 a.m.

Greeting and Welcoming Remarks

Speakers: Jennifer Kuzma, Professor, School of Public & International Affairs & Co-Director GES Center, NCSU
Warwick Arden, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, NCSU

8:40 a.m.–8:45 a.m.

Overview of Agenda

Speaker: Cindy Smith, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

8:45 a.m.–9:55 a.m.

Opening Remarks—USDA Views on the Importance of Coexistence and the Challenge of Achieving It

Speaker: Tom Vilsack, Secretary of Agriculture

9:55 a.m.–10:15 a.m.

Overview of AC21 Committee Recommendations

Speaker: Russell Redding, AC21 Chair, Acting Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture

10:15 a.m.–10:25 a.m.

Break

10:25 a.m.–11:25 a.m.

Presentations on the Science, Safety, and Diversity of Biotech Crops

Speakers: Environmental Safety—Peter Raven, President Emeritus, Missouri Botanical Garden
Food Safety—Ruth MacDonald, Professor, Food Science & Human Nutrition, Iowa State University

11:25 a.m.–11:55 a.m.

Market Demand for Organic and Non-GE Products

Speaker: Errol Schweizer, Executive Global Grocery Coordinator, Whole Foods Market

11:55 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Coexistence in Practice With Identity-Preserved Products

Speaker: Lynn Clarkson, President, Clarkson Grain Company

12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.

Speaker: Dan Glickman, Former Secretary of Agriculture

1:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Panel Discussion on Economic Perspectives on Coexistence: What Is Known and Not Known About the Kinds of Economic Implications Associated With Coexistence Strategies

Moderator—Catherine Greene, Senior Agricultural Economist, USDA Economic Research Service

Panelists: Ron Moore, Illinois Soybean Association and American Soybean Association

Jim Zimmerman, National Corn Growers Association

Nicholas Kalaitzandonakes, University of Missouri

Laura Batcha, Organic Trade Association

Andrew LaVigne, American Seed Trade Association

Logan Peterman, Organic Valley/CROPP Cooperative

Session 2: Coexistence—the Challenges and Knowledge Gaps We Face and USDA’s Responses to the AC21 Recommendations

2:30 p.m.–3:00 p.m.

Discussion on New U.S. Government Actions to Address Herbicide Resistance in Weeds

Speakers: Jill Schroeder, USDA Agricultural Research Service

Jack Housenger, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Pesticide Programs

3:00 p.m.–3:40 p.m.

USDA Coexistence Knowledge Gaps and Context for USDA’s Initial Responses

Speakers: Michael Schechtman, USDA Agricultural Research Service

Michael Gregoire, USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

3:40 p.m.–3:55 p.m.

Break

3:55 p.m.–4:35 p.m.

Description of USDA Actions Already Taken in Response to AC21 Coexistence Recommendations

Speaker: Catherine Woteki, USDA Under Secretary for Research Education and Economics & Chief Scientist with USDA subject matter experts

4:35 p.m.–4:45 p.m.

Homework Assignment—Consideration of USDA Products Already Developed

Facilitator—Abby Dilley

4:45 p.m.–6:00 p.m.

Poster Session

The poster session will provide an opportunity, especially for industry and the private sector, to showcase strategies relevant to coexistence, to supplement the USDA strategies discussed during session.

Session 3: Coexistence—What USDA Yet Needs To Do

8:30 a.m.–8:50 a.m.

Summary of Posters and Overview of Day 2 Topics

Facilitator—Abby Dilley

8:50 a.m.–9:30 a.m.

Homework Discussion: Feedback on USDA Products Already Developed

Facilitator—Abby Dilley

9:30 a.m.–10:30 a.m.

New Proposed USDA Actions and Policy Options

Speaker: Gary Woodward, Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs with USDA
subject matter experts

10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m.

Break

10:45 a.m.–11:00 a.m.

Breakout Session Instructions and Topic Assignment

Facilitator—Abby Dilley

All Breakout groups provide feedback on these topics:

1. USDA products proposed or already developed
2. Other steps USDA or other entities might take to bolster coexistence
3. How can local coexistence-related conflict resolution activities be conducted when needed and who is best placed to conduct or facilitate such activities?

11:00 a.m.–11:10 a.m.

Form Breakout Groups

11:10 a.m.–12:15 p.m.

Breakout Session (topic 1)

Facilitators

12:15 p.m.–1:15 p.m.


Lunch Topic: Implications of U.S. Technology and Coexistence Decisions for Technology Adoption and Food Security in the Developing World

Speaker: World Food Prize Laureate Pedro Sanchez, Columbia University

1:15 p.m.–2:15 p.m.

Breakout Session (topic 2)

Facilitators



2:15 p.m.–2:30 p.m.

Break

2:30 p.m.–3:15 p.m.

Breakout Session (topic 3)

Facilitators

3:15 p.m.–4:10 p.m.

General Session Discussion: Group report out on breakout session feedback

Facilitator—Abby Dilley with USDA subject matter experts

4:10 p.m.–4:40 p.m.

Wrap up and conclusion, with discussion of next steps

Speakers: Gary Woodward, Deputy Under Secretary for Marketing and Regulatory Programs
Philip Karsting, Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service